

Torrance, California.  
December 12th., 1933.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, December 12th., 1933.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Conner at 7:45 P.M.

City Clerk Bartlett called the roll. Those answering present were Councilmen: Hitchcock, Klusman, Ludlow and Conner. Absent: Councilman: Wright.

At the request of Mayor Conner, City Clerk Bartlett read the minutes of the regular meeting of November 28th., 1933. Councilman Ludlow moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 28th., 1933, be approved as read. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the American Legion Auxiliary calling attention to the condition of the American Flag located in the triangle at Marcelina, Sartori and Cabrillo Streets. Clerk Bartlett reported that a new flag had been ordered.

Clerk Bartlett read an application for a permit to operate a vending machine on the streets in this city. Councilman Klusman moved it be delayed for further investigation by the City Clerk. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication from the Associated Oil Company was read advising that no receipts or earnings were derived by said Company from the use, operation and possession of a pipe line franchise lying within the city limits of the City of Torrance. Councilman Ludlow moved this letter be filed. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from M.N. Angood, 14800 S. Western Ave., Gardena, California, with reference to Dog Pound. Councilman Ludlow moved this letter be filed. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Torrance Recreation and Playground Committee recommending the appointment of Mr. Donahue as Director of Recreation for Torrance Playground and Recreation activity at a salary of \$50.00 per month, also recommending an expenditure of \$50.00 for equipment. R. R. Smith, Chairman of the Committee, stated he had talked with the Principal of the High School and Mr. Donahue and thought Mr. Donahue would make a good director. Councilman Ludlow moved we accept the recommendation of the Recreation Committee and hereby appoint Mr. Bernard J. Donahue as playground instructor at a salary of \$50.00 per month, commencing December 18th., 1933, and terminating on or before June 30th., 1934 at the option of the City Council and that we purchase equipment as recommended by the Recreation Committee in an amount not exceeding \$50.00. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Ludlow and Conner. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Wright.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce recommending that \$25.00 be appropriated by the City of Torrance in behalf of the Christmas Tree Program to be conducted during the approaching holidays by the Walteria Parent Teachers' Association. Councilman Klusman moved this request be granted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Ludlow and Conner. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Wright.

A communication from the Torrance High School addressed to Mayor C. Earl Conner was read in which was quoted a letter from Allan E. Sedgwick extending his sincere thanks to Mayor Conner and Mr. Leonard, as well as members of the City Council for their expression of confidence, concerning his recent appointment to the Board of Education.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Torrance High School enclosing a check in the amount of \$8.54 from the various classes for the purchase of trees to be planted in the Torrance Municipal Park, and offering a number of trees for transplanting in the City Park. Engineer Leonard advised acceptance of this offer and assured the Council that each class would be represented by a tree or trees in the Park. Councilman Klusman moved we accept these trees and a letter of thanks be sent to Professor Waidelich. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read an invitation to Mayor Earl Conner and City Council to attend the Regular Monthly Meeting of the California Highway Commission to be held in Long Beach, on Friday, December 15th. Mayor Conner stated those that wanted to attend should send in their reservations.

A communication was read from Richard S. Jenkins referring to the purchase of steel products by the County from firms outside the State of California and requesting a resolution of protest to be forwarded to the County Board of Supervisors. Councilman Klusman moved the attorney be instructed to draw up such a Resolution. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from Clifford F. Reid, Inc., with reference to two fire-plugs needed in the Hollywood Riviera section, and also calling attention to the inefficiency of the present alarm system. Councilman Ludlow moved that such installation be made. Like to assure them alarm system is going to be improved. Councilman Klusman seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Ludlow and Conner. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Wright.

A proposed contract from the National Electric Sign Company, by E.L. Strangard was read, with reference to servicing Neon highway signs advertising Torrance. Engineer Leonard stated that these signs were in bad condition. Councilman Ludlow moved that we have these signs repaired by this Neon Sign Company and have a post fixed by Two Macks Electric Shop. Councilman Klusman seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Ludlow and Conner. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Wright.

Councilman Ludlow moved the matter of the National Electric Sign Company contract be referred to a committee and report back at the next meeting as to whether it will be advisable to enter into such a contract. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that we appropriate \$125.00 to purchase fertilizer. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Ludlow and Conner. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Wright.

Councilman Hitchcock brought up the matter of the request to change the name of "Artisano Avenue" to "Abalone Avenue".

Clerk Bartlett introduced and read

#### RESOLUTION NO. 596

CHANGING NAME OF THAT CERTAIN STREET IN THE  
CITY LIMITS OF TORRANCE NOW KNOWN AS  
"ARTISANO AVENUE" TO "ABALONE AVENUE".

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 596 be adopted. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Ludlow and Conner. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Wright.

Councilman Ludlow stated payment on the Park will soon be due. We have, therefore, gone into this matter with our Attorney, Judge Rippy and also the owners and have received an extension of time on the Option in order that payment may be made from tax collections soon to be received. Councilman Ludlow moved that the Option to purchase property as described in Resolution No. 551 be extended upon payment to J.W. Post and Dorothy Post of \$10.00 for such extension and the Option be modified so as to provide for payment of \$7500.00 on or before December 26, 1933, and the balance on or before January 26th., 1934 and that the extension of the Option as executed by J.W. Post and Dorothy Post be accepted and approved by the Council and the Mayor be authorized to accept the extension on behalf of the city, and that said \$7500.00 be paid on or before December 26th., 1933, and said balance be paid on or before January 20th., 1934, as in said extension provided. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Ludlow and Conner. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Wright.

Councilman Ludlow moved that the escrow proceedings be handled by the Torrance Building and Loan Association. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Ludlow stated we have received requests from some of our employees to recommend some form of Group Insurance for them and after having investigated many plans I now move we approve the plan of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for city employees Group Insurance, and hereby authorize the City Clerk to deduct premiums from monthly pay checks of any employee availing himself of this opportunity. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Ludlow and Conner. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Wright.

Councilman Ludlow reported that an emergency first aid agreement with the Torrance Memorial Hospital Association was to be drawn up. This will receive the attorney's attention as soon as he returns.

Councilman Ludlow stated with reference to more fire hydrants in different parts of the city, we will make a recommendation at the next regular meeting.

Councilman Ludlow moved that warrants be drawn and registered on all bills properly audited. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, the record of the vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Klusman, Ludlow and Conner. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Wright. Councilman Klusman moved all bills be read. As there was no second Councilman Klusman withdrew his motion.

Councilman Ludlow moved that the meeting be adjourned to Monday evening, December 18th., 1933, at 7:45 P.M. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Conner declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

*A. H. Bartlett*

City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

*C. Earl Conner*  
Mayor of the City of Torrance.